

Pokagon State Park

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Interpretive Programs And Other Park Events!

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August 27 –September 30, 2007

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches daily (morning and late afternoons) on weekends. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Monday August 27

- 10:30am **Habitats, Holes, and Hideaways.** Come meet the Interpreter on the Nature Center Front Deck, from where we'll take off on a 45-minute walk through the nearby forests. We'll search the big and little places where Pokagon's critters call home. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** Come to the Nature Center to find out the requirements for becoming Smokey's Friend (5 to 7 years old), Jr. Naturalist (8 years old and up), and Hoosier Ecologist (Jr. Naturalist graduates). Or continue working on your special projects or identification quizzes. We meet one hour everyday to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. AH
- 3:00pm **Monarch Madness.** Join us at the Nature Center Program area from where we'll head out and search for Monarch butterflies in their various life stages. AH

Tuesday August 28

- 10:00am **Hell's Point Bound!** It's the highest point in the park and we'll visit it and other natural features along the way on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. AH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, August 27, for details. DH

Wednesday August 29

- 10:00am **Damsels and Dragons! - a hike.** Discover these unique insects and the wetland world in which they live. Meet at the Inn Main Entrance and join us for about an hour walk down in the nearby wetlands. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, August 27, for details. DH

Thursday August 30

- 10:30am **Down the Woodland Trail.** Gather out on the Nature Center Front Lawn from where we'll take off on a nice one hour or so, easy-does-it stroll into the nearby woodlands. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, August 27, for details. DH



Friday August 31

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, August 27, for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Woodchuck Watch.** Wondering what the Woodchuck family is up to this late summer day?... Learn about this interesting diggin' rodent during a short talk and walk meeting at the Nature Center Program Area. AH

Saturday September 1

- 9:00am **Geology Jaunt.** Put on the hikin' shoes for this one! Gather at the Inn Main Entrance where we'll take off for a nice jaunt along trail 3. We'll cover glacial made lakes, marshes, ridges, hills, and all of the life that these features support. A good walk for those who like to hike. We'll probably be out a couple of hours. FW
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, August 27, for details
- 3:00pm **The Masked Bandit.** You all know him, particularly if you are a long-time camper at Pokagon. Join us for a short discussion on this furry, sometimes too friendly, resident of Pokagon. Good children's program. It all takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium. AH

Sunday September 2

- 8:00am **Fresh Air Walk.** Nothing beats an early morning for fresh air walking and a chance meeting with wildlife. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for a 1-½ hour discovery hike. Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours, to spot the early birds and any other animals out and about. Don't miss it! AH
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, August 27, for details. AH
- 3:00pm **The Tree Key Game!** Ever want to know a neat and easy way to identify trees?... Come to the Nature Center Program Area and pick up a key for unlocking the identities to some of our common local trees. Then take it home to unlock the mysteries of your own backyard! Great program for fall leaf collections. DH

Monday September 3

- 8:00am **End of Summer Saunter.** See Sunday's Fresh Air Walk at 8:00am, for details. FW
- 10:30am **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. Meet on the Nature Center Front Lawn! DH

Saturday September 8

- 10:00am **INShape Indiana Walk.** Throughout Indiana, State Parks will be hosting these special fitness walks to promote healthy living while enjoying our trails. Join Park Manager Ted Bohman and Park Interpreter, Fred Wooley, on a guided hike over new Trail 8. We'll meet in the Campground Youth Tent Area. We'll cover about 2 miles of trails over open rolling meadows. Dress appropriately. For more information, visit www.INSHAPE.IN.gov.
- 3:00pm **Gyotaku Art.** Bring a clean, dark tee shirt to the Nature Center Program Area and create an interesting design to take home and remember our lake country. Gyotaku is Japanese for "fish printing." DH

Sunday September 9

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** See 8:00am, Sunday, September 2, for hike details. AH
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium and watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourself! DH

Saturday September 15

- 8:00am **All-Morning Birding with the Stockbridge Audubon Society.** Join renowned birder Jim Haw and other members of the Stockbridge Audubon Society for an all morning birding hike beginning at the Northeast Corner of the main Potawatomi Inn Parking Lot (by the brown pump house). We'll cover all of Trails 3 and 7 and be back around 11:30am. Participants may finish then, or bring a picnic lunch and continue birding into the afternoon.
- 3:00pm **Bee-lieve it or Not!** Discover the fascinating, sometimes unbelievable world of the honeybee! Swarm to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on this interesting and most beneficial insect! DH

Sunday September 16

- 10:30am **Woodland Wander.** Gather out on the Nature Center Front Deck from where we'll take off on a nice hour or so, easy-does-it stroll into the nearby woodlands and enjoy the forest as it is turning from summer to autumn. DH

Friday September 21 to Sunday, September 23

Third Annual Geocachers' Campout!

For details check out our brochure at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov



Saturday September 22

- 10:00am **Wetland Watching.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. FW
- 3:00pm **Fall Furs for Winter.** Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for a close up look and feel at some furs of common Pokagon mammals and a discussion on how they are changing (or not) as mammals prepare for winter ahead. DH

Sea Plane Fly Inn this weekend on the Potawatomi Inn Lawn. Planes arriving 8am to 2pm.

Sunday September 23

- 8:00am **The Fall Migration.** See 8:00am, Sunday, September 2, for hike details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium and watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourself! DH

Saturday September 29

- 10:00am **Fall Fishing.** Join us at the Inn Main Entrance from where we'll walk to a chosen fishing hole for a morning of fishing. Children under 17 do not require a license. Bait, poles, and tackle provided on a limited basis or bring your own. Group size may dictate where we fish. AH
- 3:00pm **Fall Furs for Winter.** Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for a close up look and feel at some furs of common Pokagon mammals and a discussion on how they are changing (or not) as mammals prepare for winter ahead. DH
- 7:30pm **Annual Autumn Harvest Hoedown!** Gather at the South Beach Parking Lot for some music, square dancing, campfire, and all around great time! The music will be supplied by Prairie Fire String Band. A square dance caller will lead us in the steps. No experience necessary. Local Boy Scout Troop 125 will be selling hotdogs, candy, pop, and cocoa. Great family fun!

Sunday September 30

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** See 8:00am, Sunday, September 2, for hike details. FW

Nature Center Hours Beginning September 4: Monday-Friday, 1pm to 5pm. Weekends: 10am to 5pm.

